GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Assistance for Turmeric Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent unprecedented rains in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have damaged the standing turmeric crop and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the production expected during the current year as compared to the last year and the extent to which the lower production would impact exports from India during the current year;

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to various States for turmeric production during the last three years and the current year, Statewise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote the turmeric production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): There was no damage reported to the standing turmeric crop due to recent unprecedented rains in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

The production level of turmeric is expected to remain at 830000 MT like last year.

(c) & (d): The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture provides financial assistance for area coverage under rhizomatic spices including turmeric @ 40% of the cost I.e. Rs.12000/ha up to an area of 4 ha per beneficiary. In case of North East and Himalayan States, Tribal sub-plan areas and Andaman & Lakshadweep Islands, assistance is 50% of the cost.

State-wise and year-wise funds released for area expansion of rhizomatic spices including Turmeric under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture is given as per statement in Annexure.